GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING GREAT THINGS

Alyce Bottleson and Mary Bradish Photo by Linda Genaw

Alyce Bottleson and Mary Bradish were surprised at the November Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce dinner.
These two women received Citizen of the Year awards for 1988-1989.
They are so active it was hard for the Chamber to choose just one.
Alyce and Mary are involved in the Grange, Seniors, Historical Society, and the Nugget Club. They are always willing to volunteer their time to help wherever they are needed.
We are very proud of both of you!!!!

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NEW PUBLICATIONS BY OUR MEMBERS:

A new book, "Ruch and Upper Applegate Valley, An Oregon Documentary", by John and Marguerite Black of Jacksonville will be available about February 16.
Their book has the history of many of the original ranches and pioneer families of the Upper Applegate Valley. It includes Ruch, Uniontown, Sterling, Little Applegate, McKee Bridge area, Applegate Lake, Steamboat and the community of Applegate. There are ten school districts and eleven post offices listed, illustrated with photos and rare post marks. Detailed maps and over 100 photographs make this book unique. It will be available at the Bookworm in Bear Creek Plaza, Medford, on February 16. It sells for $12.95. Distributed by Pacific Northwest books, P.O. Box 314, Medford, Ore. 97501.
Marguerite is a former Gold Hill teacher, and John is a rancher. Both are respected area historians.

As many of you know from the November newsletter, Art Campbell has written a book. "Antelope The Saga Of A Western Town" is now available.
Through the years, Art Campbell has pieced together an incredible story of the first 125 years of the little town of Antelope Oregon.
In "Antelope", Campbell has written the thorough history of a western town. From the town's boisterous beginning as a stage stop during the Civil War to the recent Rajneesh intrusion in the early 1980's.
Subjects include home and family, saloons and crime, town characters, Indians and commerce.
The book sells for $19.95 plus $2.00 postage. Autographed copies of the book are available by writing to Mr. Campbell at P.O. Box 126 Gold Hill, Or. 97525.
Campbell has also written "John Day Drift and Historical Guide" and "The Clarno Era".
Campbell is a retired teacher and historical researcher.

The Central Point Chamber of Commerce recognized three of our members at a dinner held at the Mon Desir January 20,1990.
Linda Genaw was recognized for her contribution to the Central Point Centennial celebration.
Linda organized a tour of some of the historical sites in the Central Point area. The tour was such a success that two additional tours had to be added to accommodate all those interested.
Linda also wrote the Centennial book for the city, "At The Crossroads a History of Central Point 1850-1900". A copy of this book was included in the Time Capsule that will be opened in 2089.
Marjorie Edens was recognized for her expertise in helping arrange for historical photographs, the use of oral histories, and grant writing. Marjorie is always eager to help when preserving history is involved.
LaRue Morris was honored for his performance as "emcee". Mr. Morris gave a great speech to the children at the birthday party for Central Point that was held in February.
Alma Gates, who did not attend the dinner, also helped with the celebration. She and some of the pupils from Hanby Junior High, organized and participated in the parade. They also entertained at the birthday party, by performing a play and singing songs.
Mrs. Apostol's fourth grade class from Patrick Elementary was also in attendance. They danced the "Virginia Reel" and were fantastic!

Tom Cushman headed up our membership drive again this year. He submitted four designs for the flyer that were wonderful. They were so good in fact, that we had a hard time selecting one.
Cushman also organized a table at Steve's Market on December 30, where we offered our cookbooks and calendars for sale. At the same time Cushman's and Genaw's children and friends were busy distributing flyers throughout the city.
The historical society's presence was definitely felt in town. We have received 15 new family memberships from our annual drive.
We have recruited more <u>new</u> members this year than ever before.
We have a total of 58 family memberships at this time. We feel our membership drive was a great success. Thank you all for your support.

President Linda Genaw accepts a check for $400.00 from the Hanby Junior Honor Society President Autumn Olson and member, Missy Cox. Photo by Clare Moore

When the depot project was being promoted the Hanby Junior Honor Society sponsored a carnival to help raise funds for this undertaking. Although the depot never materialized, the money raised will stay in the community. The student's goal was to earmark the money to help fund a building for the historical society's headquarters.
This money will help us realize our long term goal of finding a building in the near future.
Our society thanks all those that were responsible for helping contribute to this project.
We have also received emergency operating funds in the amount of

$4500.00 from the Southern Oregon Historical Society's contingency fund. This money will be used to operate an office for us.
We are presently looking for an available building in town. We know that we have mentioned this before, but if there is one we have missed please notify us at 855-7260

Skip Patterson presenting President Linda Ganaw the deed to the property that Pacific Power and Light donated to the Gold Hill Historical Society.
Photo by Alyce Bottleson

We have two display in town for the public's enjoyment. We have a display at the Post Office centering around Ernie Lyman, one of our oldest residents.
We have already received an order for a reproduction of one of the photographs of the high school students.
The 1910 map that was restored last year is on exhibit at the Library.
For those of you who have not seen these displays, they are well worth a peak.
Crater High School has on loan some of the school related artifacts that we used at Patrick Elementary last year.
If you get a chance stop by and see their display.

We told you that you would be hearing more about this property in this newsletter.
We are the proud owners of a lot located at 7845 First Avenue.
The land was donated to the historical society, with the understanding that the bricks in this building were to be donated to the Depot People.
The building needs to come down as soon as possible. Cindy Faubion is heading up the committee to clear the land.
We will be excepting sealed bids on the removal of the building and clean up of the lot.
If you are interested, watch the newspaper.

This is the brick building that sits on our newly acquired lot.
Photo by Linda Ganaw

When closing Hanby Junior High was in the news last year, the reality of something needing to be done to save the school was on most of the people in Gold Hill's minds. Alma Gates came up with the idea of getting Hanby recognized on the National Register of Historic Places.

Linda Genaw will be donating her time to work with Mrs. Gates, and three of the Talented and Gifted students at Hanby on the nomination application. We feel that this will be a well rounded program for the children. This project will entail drawing the school to scale and writing a history of the school. They will also be required to define the architectural style of the building.

Research will include interviewing some of the past students, looking through micro films of old newspapers and legal documents. We have made our photographs and school annuals available to the students so they can glean pertinent information from them.

The students will take colored slides and black and white photos. Linda will show them how to develop their black and white prints.

The Gold Hill Historical Society has set aside $200.00 for this project, which will take the rest of the semester.

Upon completion of this project, the students will have a slide presentation for the public. This will be a nice legacy for these departing eighth grade students to leave behind. Stay tuned for details.

We have done exceptionally well this year with our fund raisers. We have sold all our cookbooks, and ordered 200 more of them. The response has been overwhelming. This has proved to be a great way to earn money for the society, we have made over $500.00 profit. The new cookbooks have arrived, and are still available at the $5.00 price.

Our other fund raiser was the 1990 calendar. These were such a hit that they have made their way across the United States to the east coast. We have received so many compliments on the calendars, that we will be making another one for 1991. The profit from the calendar has exceeded $200.00.

Janet Sessions and Cindy Faubion will be heading up the committee to research and record the history of the area's Justice Court. The court has been in existence since the early 1850's.

Anyone that has information pertaining to past Justice of the Peace or the Court should contact Cindy or Janet and share your knowledge.

Elections were held at our January meeting. Your new officers are:

Cindy Faubion, President
Crayetta Armstrong, Vice President
Genevieve Heil, Secretary
Clare Moore, Treasurer

Congratulations to all of our new officers.
Let's show our support and have a great fifth year.

We, (Clare Moore and Linda Genaw) have enjoyed doing the newsletters for the past two years. Your complements have been greatly appreciated. Hopefully we can continue to bring you an enjoyable newsletter.

If everything goes as planned, you will be receiving six newsletters a year instead of four as has been done previously.

Clare Moore

Linda Genaw